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MEMORANDUM FOR: Special Assistant to the Director  
for Planning and Development

25X1C8a SUBJECT : Status of CHALICE/ [REDACTED] Deliberations in 25X1A2g  
[REDACTED]

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1. I was obliged this morning to get in touch with [REDACTED] by transatlantic telephone in connection with the defection from the list of nominees of [REDACTED] who had been scheduled to come to the States this week to begin his training. I was concerned over the fact that I suspected [REDACTED] withdrawal was connected with the publicity that may have been afforded the [REDACTED] accident in [REDACTED] newspapers. In my talk with [REDACTED] I found that this was true and that on Friday, 11 July, the story appeared in the [REDACTED] newspaper citing [REDACTED] as being killed in a U-2 crash. [REDACTED] withdrew from the program the following work day, 14 July, citing this accident as his reason. I am cabling the Agency station in [REDACTED] for a copy of the newspaper release in [REDACTED] to be forwarded to us by pouch.

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2. Since I had [REDACTED] on the phone, I had an opportunity to ask him how the deliberations on Plan A and Plan B were coming in the [REDACTED]. He said that although the matter had not been fully staffed as yet to the CAS, the predominant feeling among the principals concerned, just below the CAS level, was definitely in favor of the integration rather than the separate detachment concept. [REDACTED] said that with any luck he hoped to be able to report to us the approval of the CAS within a week or so.

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3. Certainly there seems to be no reluctance on their part in going ahead in making plans as [REDACTED] informed me that he has just been told by his communications people that they could have a circuit in the [REDACTED] in operation within a week of [REDACTED] visit, now scheduled for late this week or early next. [REDACTED] himself was, at the time of my call, interviewing a replacement candidate for [REDACTED] and was unable to talk with me on the phone.

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4. [REDACTED] indicated his own feeling and that of [REDACTED] which was that our own liaison officer, [REDACTED] should probably make plans to be in [REDACTED] sometime around the end of August when it appears that there would be problems to discuss. [REDACTED] indicated his own feeling that [REDACTED] and I might plan to come to [REDACTED] together in company with [REDACTED] or someone from Operations, toward the end of August to focus on some of the arrangements which need to be consummated before we have a capability in being.

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5. I should like to point out formally that although the three pilots remaining at [REDACTED] will be through with their training on 8 August, I doubt that they will be in shape to be integrated into the detachment at [REDACTED] until the completion of [REDACTED] flight training, which cannot even begin much before 11 August if everything works out properly. We were notified only this morning by cable that [REDACTED] plans to have [REDACTED] place as the projected unit commander in [REDACTED] organization. Our present schedule calls for completing all of our activities with the three remaining pilots on 29 August when they return from a week's stay at [REDACTED]. As a consequence, I seriously doubt that we can have a CHALICE/[REDACTED] capability in being operationally until 1 October at the earliest. Your observations and reactions to this will be appreciated.

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